

INTRODUCTION SALE

BLAKE BROS. In The Ward Building

We will start our Introduction Sale, Thursday, December 21, and offer for the next 9 days some very rare bargains. You will find our stock of Dry Goods, Ladies Furnishings and a large line of shoes, also Men's Hats and Furnishings at prices that will be bargain prices. On every article in the house, we offer you an opportunity that you cannot afford to pass. Remember every article in our store will be on sale during this time and every price a bargain.

Sale Begins Tuesday at 9 o'clock and Ends December 30th

County School News.

By Mary E. Todd.

One of the best teachers [and we have a good many] in Seward county writes us: "This is my first experience in sending in examination grades, and I am to be teachable and I assure you that I am teachable. I want to do the very best for the school that I have contracted to teach. I want to do what the state requires in every particular. I don't want to build myself up by pulling down my predecessor. I want my school to be a success and I want the children and parents and you to feel and think that I have been weighed in the balances and not found wanting—that the children have advanced in their studies and in their behavior, and are better, happier boys and girls for being my pupils." Such letters give us heart and courage to go on and keep going on and trying again harder and harder to grade the schools of Seward county and enable the teachers of these little ones to realize the saying of the Master: "And I, if I be lifted, up will draw all men unto me."

Remember the words of the great Pestalozzi's axiom: "As is the teacher so is the school."

These words of Horace Mann are as true today as they were nearly a century ago: "All knowledge is naturally attractive to a child and it is our own fault if he does not love it."

New York is to spend \$30,000,000 on education this year. Seward county is to spend about \$26,000.

A Massachusetts woman has left her estate to the old maids of her town. To whom would she have given it had she lived in Liberal? We have not a single old maid in our city.

According to the tabulated census of the school population of Kansas just completed by State Superintendent E. T. Fairchild Kansas lost 634 school children last year. The greater part of the loss has been in the country and small towns.

A college Professor tells us that it is demoralizing to listen to ragtime on Sunday. Why on Sundays any more than on other days?

An English inventor is working on a wireless telephone that will enable one to talk any distance. Moreover when perfected he can carry a receiver in his pocket and be right in touch with his home or office at any time.

What is the Shuster incident? Where did it happen?

Dr. Higginbotham made us a pleasant call Saturday. He told us he would examine all school children free for diseases of the ear, eye, throat or nose. It often happens that advancement in a child's studies is prevented by something being wrong with the child's ears or eyes, nose or throat. To do their best children should be physically sound.

The following happened in Fort Worth, Texas. Forced by his teacher to stand before the school and chew wads of paper as a punishment for persistence in the chewing gum habit, Jerry Mickle, aged 11, is dying from lockjaw.

Mrs. White, who lives near Arkalon called Saturday to talk over her daughter's plans for the remaining school year. Miss Emma has been under the doctor's care for quite a while and we are glad to state that she is getting better and is now able to attend school regularly. She is one of our common school graduates of 1909-1910, and is fitting herself to be a teacher.

David Starr Jordan, president of Leland Stanford, Jr., University, will speak to the farmers and teachers at Manhattan sometime between December 26th and 30th. We heard

him several years ago at a State Teachers' Association at Topeka. He is worth going to hear.

Teacher—"Is there any connection between the animal and the vegetable kingdoms?"

Bright pupil—"Yes, mum, there's hash."

State Superintendent E. T. Fairchild at the recent teachers' association in Topeka said: "The rural schools have been neglected by educators everywhere in the country." He said this before the committee on rural schools and said that the rural schools, which contain the best raw material, are neglected in that their teachers are lamentably untrained and wanting both in years and experience. It is an old, timeworn idea that anybody can teach the country children. The country people are waking up, and in the future the rural schools will be equal, at least, to the more favored schools of the city. "No untrained hands should play upon the harp when the chords are left forever in the strings." Parents, visit your schools, and see if the little ones are being given as much time and patience as are the larger ones. See if your children are keeping pace with the course of study. See if they understand the work gone over. Give them a test once in a while and see if they understand the work on which their grade cards show that they made 90 and 100 per cent. "The proof of the pudding is the eating of it." If your children are doing well they will be delighted to show you what they can do. If they are doing poorly it is high time that you find it out and help to make a change. The teacher alone can not do all.

Nearly all the second month reports are in. A few have not yet arrived. Please see to it, teachers, that they start immediately. We do not wish to receive two reports at the same time. We wish you to send the report each month. A few of the first month's reports are not in yet.

AMONG THE CHURCHES

Baptist Church Directory

Sunday School - - - - - 9:45 a. m.
Preaching - - - - - 11:00 a. m.
B. Y. P. U. Meeting - - - 6:30 p. m.
Preaching - - - - - 7:30 p. m.
Teacher's Meeting, Tues. 7:30 p. m.
Prayer Meeting, Thurs. 7:30 p. m.
J. H. AGEE, Pastor.

Christian Church

Regular services at the Hall next Sunday.

Morning service at 11 a. m.

Young People's service at 6:30.

Preaching at 7:30.

The Christmas entertainment of the Christian church Bible school will give their program at the Hall, Sunday evening, December 24th, beginning at 7:30 o'clock. There will be no C. E. meeting.

We extend a cordial invitation to all.

J. A. Cornelius, Minister.

Presbyterian Church.

Sabbath School 9:45.

Preaching Service 11 a. m.

Young People's Meeting 6:30

Evening Service 7:30

C. W. Kellogg, pastor

Methodist Church.

Sunday School at 9:45.

Preaching services at 11:00 a. m.

Class meeting 12 m.

Preaching services 7:30 p. m.

Let all parents who have chil-

dren they wish baptized present them at the eleven o'clock service next Sunday.

The subject for the morning service will be "The Babe in the Manger."

Epworth League 6:30 p. m. Subject: "Christmas in the Heart" Leader, Miss Maurine Long.

At the 7:30 o'clock service, the Sunday school will present their Christmas program. It is to be a giving service. The Primary department will receive a treat later.

As a part of its revival campaign this church is to hold a series of cottage prayer meetings in different parts of the city. Let all note the following:

The meetings in all the eleven districts begin at 7:30 p. m.

The committees will arrange places of meeting and provide leaders.

The dates for cottage prayer meetings are all in January, namely, Tues. 2nd, Wed. 3rd, Thurs. 4th, Mon. 8th, and Tues. 9th, Friday, the 5th, a great central prayer meeting will be held at the church. The committees will report the cottage prayer meetings at that time. Beginning Wednesday, the 10th, all the services will be held in the church.

Rev. H. C. Morrison D. D. Evangelist of national fame, will preach January 14-28.

The prayer meeting districts and committees are as follows:

District No. 1. All west of Kansas Ave. and north of 8th St. committee, Mrs. Mary Nix, Mrs. S. A. Long and Miss Jennie Edgington.

No. 2. All east of Kan. Ave. & north of 8th st., committee: Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Conrad.

No. 3. All west of Prospect ave between 4th and 8th sts., committee: J. Dunlap, Mrs. Paramore and Mrs. Lawrence.

No. 4. Between 6th and 8th st. from Grant ave. to Prospect, com. Mrs. L. Lippant, Miss Josephine Randles and Theo. C. Moore.

No. 5. Between 4th and 6th from Grant ave. to Prospect ave. com. Mrs. F. Neff, Mrs. C. M. Cole and F. E. Meek.

No. 6. Between 4th and 8th sts. from Kansas ave. to Grant, com. Mrs. Scandrett, Mrs. Falls and Mrs. Bert Long.

No. 7. All east of Kansas ave., from the railroad to 8th st. Com. Mrs. Sarah Grothers, and E. F. Printz.

No. 8. All west of Kansas ave. between 2nd and 4th st. committee: Mrs. B. E. Keating, Mrs. J. L. Evans and J. R. Bolin.

No. 9. All west of Sherman ave between 2nd st. and the railroad. Com. Mrs. Paul Light, Mrs. H. S. German and Bert Dubois.

No. 10. From Kan. Avenue to Sherman, between the railroad and 2nd st. Com. Mrs. Buckland, Mrs. Wilkins and Chas. Molter.

No. 11. All south of the railroad track. Com. Jas. H. Sealey, Earl Wooden and W. T. Ward.

We extend to all a hearty invitation to take part in all these services.

Wm. T. Ward, Pastor.

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Elma

Mr. and Mrs. Bane Smith are the proud parents of a 10 pound boy, born 19. Named Raymond.

Will Brier and Anna Dettmer called on Guy and Alice Taylor.

Ed Brier and sister, Anna, visited with Dora Swan.

Mr. Loomis helped Chas. Tils shingle his barn Saturday.

Mrs. Chas. Tils and daughter, Anna Brier, were in Liberal Saturday.

Will Brier purchased a colt from Dora Swan.

Jim Calvert is breaking up part of his pasture.

Mr. Romer helped Mr. Tils on his barn last week.

That Christmas dinner will not be complete without some of Edson's candies.

Centerville

Now look at the smiles on the faces of the wheat growers.

J. N. Hauner made a business trip to Liberal on Wednesday of last week.

R. L. Norvell returned last Friday from a business trip to Missouri.

H. G. Clark was hauling feed to Liberal a couple of days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Welsh went to Liberal last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hess and two younger children went to Liberal Monday and were snow-bound.

Opportunity

The Seward County Holiness Association will hold an All-Day meeting and basket dinner at the Hayne school house, Wednesday, December 27. Preaching at 10 a. m. and 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. by three Divinely anointed messengers. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth Him that sent me. John 13-20. Come with full baskets and return with full hearts. "Whosoever will."

T. B. Paramore, Secy.